

Make a Difference Pool Noodle Art

Materials:

- Three large swimming noodles
- Pipe cleaners

Steps:

1. Cut pool noodles into one inch thick slices (this should be done by an adult).
2. Allow children to thread the pieces together with the pipe cleaners by weaving through the center of the noodle or by poking the pipe cleaner right through the noodle.
3. Try creating structures, chains, glasses, bracelets, and more. The sky is the limit!

Building Benefits

Building with pool noodles gives children a natural opportunity to practice problem solving using basic engineering concepts and allows children to have independent thoughts and actions as they conduct their experiments.

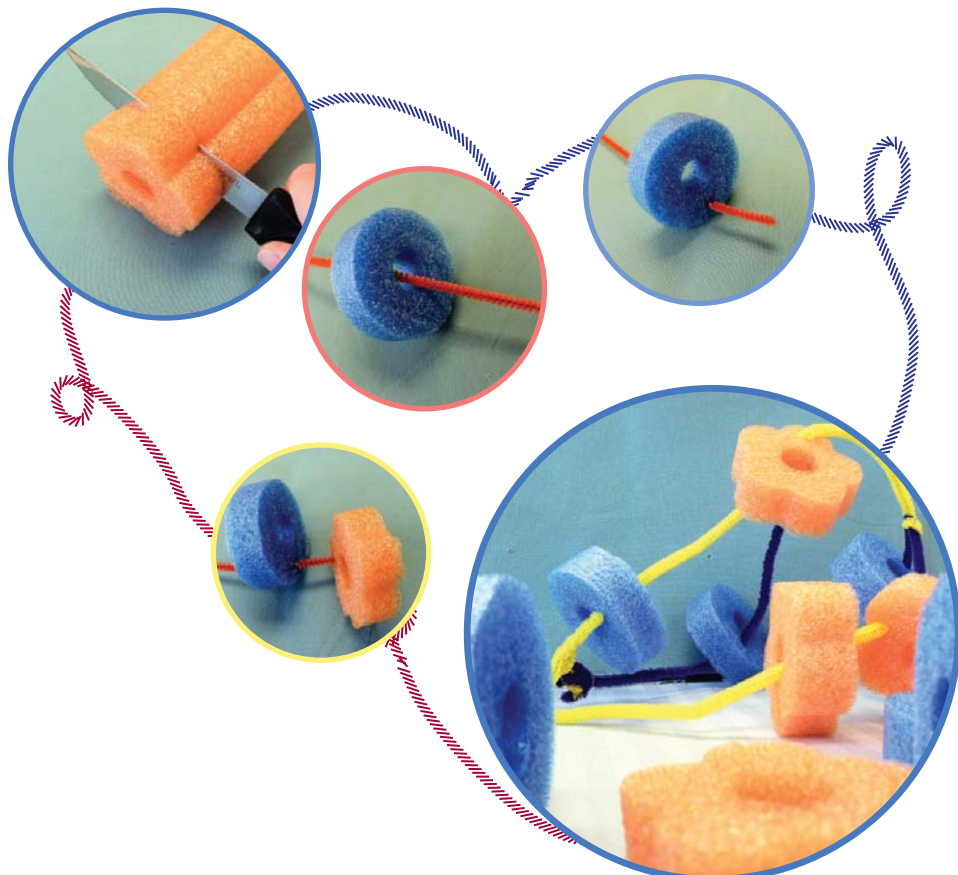
During the creative process, children also have an opportunity to express new ideas and test them out as they explore new materials.

This type of activity also gives children the opportunity to build conversation skills and self-esteem as they share and describe their ideas with friends and adults.

Tip:
a sharp, serrated
knife works
best for cutting
pool noodles

Tip:
take this activity
along in a small
bag! it's perfect
for the backseat

Tip:
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